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OCEAN Alliance member line, CMA-CGM and non-alliance member, UASC, have reached an agreement whereby UASC will purchase space from CMA-CGM on the new OCEAN Alliance service known as the Amerigo service, covering the West Mediterranean.

The new agreement specifically concentrates on the Italy and France markets on the service which in total covers : Malta, Salerno, Livorno, Genoa, Fos, Barcelona, Valencia, New York, Norfolk, Savannah, Miami, Algeciras, Malta.

The Amerigo service operates with 4 x 4,300/5,000 teu CMA-CGM vessels, 1 x 6,700 teu COSCO vessel, and 1 x 5,000 teu OOCL vessel.

COSCO name the service, the MENA service, and OOCL calls it, the ATM1 service.

UASC's other Mediterranean/USEC service is known as the AL6 service, newly-operated under THE Alliance structure which includes Hapag-Lloyd, the hotly-tipped merger contender with UASC.

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Korean newcomer, SM Line, is to offer a connection between ports on the Indian sub-continent, and the US West coast through transshipment over Shanghai and Pusan from late April onwards.

The development takes SM Line's new container service portfolio a step further, and follows the official launching of the Asia/USWC transpacific service known as the China Pacific Express (CPX), deploying 5 x 6,600 teu SM Line vessels.

The new ISC/USWC connection will be offered by linking the West India/China service, operated by NYK, Hapag-Lloyd, Yangming and X-Press Feeders, and on which SM Line purchases slots, with the CPX service.

West India/China (WIN) service port rotation : Shanghai, Ningbo, Shekou, Singapore, Port Kelang, Nhava Sheva, Pipavav, Colombo, Port Kelang, Singapore, Cai Mep, Hong Kong, Shanghai.

China/Pacific Express (CPX) port rotation : Ningbo, Shanghai, Pusan, Long Beach, Pusan, Ningbo.

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The weekly newsletter detailed numerous shipments of cargo handling equipment have arrived at the new facility over the past few months.

However, the terminal's developer, owner and future operator, DP World, has not publicly announced a formal launch date yet. Without detailing a more precise timeline, earlier statements indicate that the terminal is now slated to come on stream in 2018.

Alphaliner reports that DP World is taking a deliberately slow approach to avoid dumping capacity into a contracted market.

In 2016, Dubai handled a container volume of 14.77 Mteu, down 5.3% from 2015.

In the DP World annual report for 2016, group chairman and ceo Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem said that in the current market environment, it made no sense for port capacity to be under-utilized.

“We only want to add capacity when there is a demand for it. So, in the softer economic conditions we witnessed in 2016, we have decided to postpone some of the planned capacity additions for Terminals 3 and 4 at Jebel Ali Port,” he added. In August last year the terminal operator said it was slowing down the construction of T4.

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Asia/West Mediterranean and Adriatic
Quantum : US\$1,100/teu and US\$2,100/feu.

Asia/East Mediterranean and Black Sea
Quantum : US\$1,300/teu and US\$2,500/feu.

Effective date : May 1st.

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